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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 24, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Petitioner Steven K. DeLong, the son of inventor Ronald C. DeLong, filed a petition to accept delayed payment of a maintenance fee on October 24, 2011. However, on November 7, 2011, Mr. DeLong submitted a request to withdraw the petition. Further, a stop order was placed on the monies submitted concurrently with the original petition. As such, the petition is hereby dismissed as moot.

Petitioner should note that any future petition to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee under the unintentional standard may not be granted, as this may be viewed as an intentional delay.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition.

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